



## GRANT RECIPIENT

DNR DIVISION OF NATURE  
PRESERVES

## YEAR

2009

## COUNTY

LAKE

## CATEGORY

LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

## GRANT AWARD

\$30,000

## LOCAL SHARE

\$30,000



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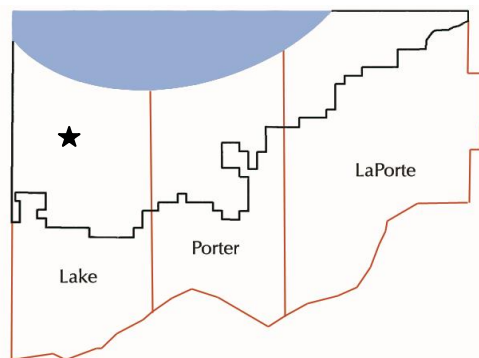
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## Prairie and Marsh Restoration Hoosier Prairie Norco Tract

Hoosier Prairie Nature Preserve stands as the largest remaining prairie/savanna complex in Indiana and is a National Natural Landmark. The preserve contains a diverse variety of natural communities, such as savanna. These natural communities harbor many endangered native plant and animal species.

In an attempt to preserve this ecologically significant habitat, the DNR Division of Nature Preserves is continually looking to acquire more land in the prairie system. Such was the case with the addition of the Hoosier Prairie Norco Tract, a 6.5 acre wetland and 8 acre prairie system. In addition to purchasing new land, the DNR Division of Nature Preserves, has been interested in restoring the integrity of the habitat as well. Prior to project completion, the Norco Tract contained numerous invasive plants that were succeeding at shading out the desirable native species important to habitat recovery. Reducing woody invasive species by 90% has been the goal of this project and the success.



**RESULT:** Reduced invasive woody species by 90% on 14.5 acres of prairie and wetland at Hoosier Prairie Nature Preserve.